

Butterfly Conservation Upper Thames Branch

Black Hairstreak Report 2019



Photograph taken by Dave Wilton

2019 was a good year for the Black Hairstreak. Only 2018 was better for numbers and weather. Exceptionally high numbers in 2018 resulted in higher numbers of eggs going forward to 2019.

- 617 were seen over a period of 39 days.
- It was seen at 38 separate sites.
- 54 hours were spent looking for it.
- For each hour of observation over 11 were seen.
- We had one search for pupae and found ten.
- One new site was found.
- It was seen in 51 separate km squares.
- Due to unsettled weather there was only 6 hours of suitable flying weather each day, down from 8 in 2018.

If you would like further information or would like to help with monitoring next year, please contact the Black Hairstreak Champion, Stuart Hodges

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